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MILITARY AND PUBLIC SECURITY

FIELD TRAINING BY ANTICHEMICAL WARFARE COMPANY

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pp 2-7

[Article by Gao Fengzhang (7559 7685 4345) et al.: "Start With Me, Be a Pace-setter on the Road of the New Long March"]

[Text] "Start with me, start now, make more contributions to the new Long March!" This heart-stirring slogan is inspiring a generation of hardworking and promising youths. The CYL branch of a 6th company of the antichemical warfare troops, Beijing Units, a branch which once was awarded the title "National Shock Brigade on the New Long March" by the CYL Central Committee, has called on the CYL members and the young soldiers, by following the shining example of the great communist soldier Lei Feng, to acquire the revolutionary outlook on life, cherish the lofty ideals of the revolution, make use of each person's practical actions and throw themselves into the battle to safeguard and realize the four modernizations.

At the beginning of this year, the party branch of the 6th company ran into a new problem: the company had taken into its ranks as replacements some youths from cities and towns. The educational level of these youths was relatively high, their thinking was dynamic, and they were strongly motivated to make progress. However, owing to the 10 years of catastrophe during which they were affected by some bad life styles, some of them had been infected with certain bad habits. Some had relatively poor discipline and had led a disorganized life, others were fastidious about food and clothing and some even liked and sought out certain vulgar things.

The new soldiers had not been in the company for more than a few days when many strange things began to happen. Some comrades said with a worried air "The 6th Company will be ruined!" The party branch, persisting in putting proletarian politics in command, with irresistible force inculcated in the new soldiers the great principles of the revolution. They brought up for extensive discussions among them the following questions: "For whom do we become soldiers, for whom do we fight?" "What is noble, what is base and

vulgar?" "What ideals should young people have?" and "What is beautiful, what kind of beauty do we want?" They educated the young soldiers in revolutionary principles, so that the latter correctly dealt with some bad phenomena that had arisen in society and acquired the revolutionary outlook on life. They also called on the young soldiers to rouse themselves--"Start with me, start now"--in order to break away from old ideas, enthusiastically temper themselves, and, without wasting a minute, plunge into practical work!

Before enlisting, recruit Li Yugen [2621 5148 2704] had been a contract worker in a certain city. The ideological poison of Lin Biao and the "gang of four" had left a painful imprint on him. He once considered his ability to blow 100 smoke rings in one breath a "skill," and flaunted this ability everywhere without realizing that he was merely being stupid. Squad leader Wang Yinhe [3769 0603 0678], with a great deal of patience, used persuasion and education on him: "Lei Feng tried to find time for, and sought every opportunity to engage in, the study of politics and culture, but still complained that there wasn't enough time. Isn't blowing smoke rings a complete waste of time? We young people are precisely at that period of life when we can expand our knowledge and learn skills. The 'gang of four' wasted 10 years of our lives, and we cannot at this moment again fritter away our time!" These expressions of revolutionary fraternal affection finally tugged at Li's heartstrings. Refined like metal in this crucible--the company--Li Yugen began to change. He studied assiduously and trained painstakingly. Studying in the wake of Lei Feng, he often glimpsed Lei's shadow. Before enlisting, recruit Zhao Baoshan [6592 1403 1472] had been an apprentice maintenance worker. He brought with him into the company the selfish calculation that "after being a soldier for 3 years, I'll get by with second-class work." The test of an arduous life frightened him. The party branch got close to him and his comrades-in-arms showed solicitude for him; when he became "ill," they cooked eggs and noodles for him, washed his clothes and changed his bed quilt. His heart began to be touched. Squad leader Yu Mingyou [0060 2494 0642] immediately wrote a letter to Zhao's parents telling them of his progress. In the end, this "block of ice," Zhao Baoshan, melted in the warm collective. He reproached himself: "What kind of ideal is it to do second-class work? That's too narrow and limited, too shallow. To contribute one's youth to safeguarding the motherland and to making it prosperous and strong at an early date--this is the only aspiration a young person should have!" During the arduous training in the antichemical warfare troops, everybody praised him for being a "little tiger."

The 6th Company is charged with the strenuous task of insuring defense against chemical warfare. In fighting against a future war of aggression in which the atomic bomb is employed as a weapon, the company is the "exploratory" vanguard for the leadership and command organs and for combined units. The requirements of revolutionary warfare aroused even more their sense of

responsibility and honor. The CYL members and the young soldiers said bravely, "If we are to speed up the four modernizations, we cannot waste a single day of the eighties decade. We would rather lose several pounds of flesh for the sake of scoring first-class achievements!" Training pacesetter Xu Guoyi [1776 0948 5030], in the 2 years since his enlistment, has been cited three times for meritorious service, third class. Not satisfied with his achievements and more, he "starts with me," seizes every minute and second, during his basic course and does not rest on holidays or days off in striving for even more outstanding achievements. "Two Not-Afraids" pacesetter Cao Laifu [2580 0171 4395] for many years has had the duty of tending the boiler in the mobile shower truck. Even when the blazing sun scorches the earth and the boiler fire roasts him until sweat runs down to his heels, he utters not one word of complaint. He says, "The four modernizations have begun. To a revolutionary, difficulties are cause for happiness, time is an opportunity for victory!" During one training session, his arms and the palms of his hands broke out in blisters, but he still kept the boiler in operation. Everybody movingly said, "His heart is redder than the boiler fire."

"Start with me, start now, make more contributions to the four modernizations!" This resounding slogan has been translated into powerful action by the CYL members and the young soldiers of the 6th Company. They race against time and against each other in contributing their youth to the four modernizations, and they have made solid progress. They are truly worthy of being the motherland's new generation.



Intensive and difficult decontamination training in the field in order to skillfully handle the formidable tasks posed by a future war.



During military training, they help and learn from each other and always sum up the lessons of experience in order to strive for even greater achievements.





Recruit Wang Baoping [3769 1405 1627] (right), taking model medical officer Lu Shicai [0712 1102 2088] and his example, constantly improves his skill in a great effort to become a decontamination expert.



Mobile shower squad on field training.

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## MILITARY AND PUBLIC SECURITY

### SATELLITE LAUNCH FROM GOBI DESERT DESCRIBED

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[Article by Han Yingshan (7281 3391 3790): "Flying Into Space"]

[Text] Seeing our artificial satellite traveling across the night sky, and dazzled by the golden age of science it represents, makes one think of the people who prepared and launched it. They are stationed at a satellite city located in the hinterland of the Gobi Desert. Their thinking is as brilliant as the satellite which encircles the revolving world, probing for scientific truth.

They have deep affection for the artificial satellite test shop because it is the "dressing room" for the satellite prior to its launch. Soldiers checking the satellite hold meters to its sides to test it and then outfit it, and they throw all their energy into the excellent aspiration: Give the motherland's satellite a healthy "heart," unobstructed "blood vessels," keen "nerves" and bright "eyes."

They have deep affection for meteorological radar and sounding balloons. Many times they have pointed the radar antennas at the sky and sent one balloon after another into the blue. Sounding instruments attached to the balloons have passed through clouds and wind, transmitting information on the weather far up in the sky in search of a bright day for the satellite to ascend into the heavens.

They have a deep affection for the satellite observation and testing instrument, using it to chart the satellite's passage through space. In the magnificent solar system, the camera lens takes in at a glance the entire vault of heaven, providing a picture of the satellite's flight track and filming its path.

They have deep affection for the satellite launching site. By the time the huge gantry has hoisted the silver-colored rocket into a perpendicular position, fuel has been pumped into the rocket, and all preparations for the

Launch have been completed, their work has sprinkled the entire test platform. At this point away to the heavens, the dawn light, the gaudy framework, the rocket and the soldiers made a colorful picture.

Look! Tinged with red by the rays of the dawn sun passing through a veil of mist, the silvery white satellite-carrying rocket by the gaudy framework departs from the soil of the motherland. That fiery red spurt of flame and withering roar—how can it not make people be even more deeply attached to these splendid soldiers? They have launched a satellite for the people of the motherland, and the latter salute them!



Radar tracking the carrier rocket, completely controlling its safety in flight.



Phil tracking Transit observing and taking pictures of the carrier rocket in flight.



Electronic computer receiving and processing quantitative data supplied by equipment on the satellite.



Fueling the carrier rocket.



Measuring the cloud cover and observing the sky in order to provide accurate weather forecasts for the satellite launch.

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INDIVIDUAL TRAINING IN DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF PLA

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[Unsigned article: "Strive To Run Basic Training Well"]

[Text:] In military training work, we must first of all run basic training well. The individual soldier, individual gun, individual vehicle, individual weapons and individual warship are the bases of units. We must tightly grasp the training in the fundamentals of technique and military tactics, making these bases firm, in order to create conditions necessary for combined training.

Individual Soldier

The rotational training unit of a certain regiment of the Beijing Units carries out strict basic training of key members of companies according to the provisions of the manual "Twenty Methods of Company-Level Basic Training." Cadres and instructors of the rotational training unit, starting with the basic training of the individual soldier, demand that the soldiers understand and train according to regulations and to the principles set forth in the training manual. They also demand that in training they also be able to apply these regulations and principles flexibly in different situations.





Instructor Xu Xiulin [1776 4423 2651] exhorting gunner with Home antitank grenade launchers to use the sighting scope according to teaching materials.



Platoon leader Zhang Zhonglian [1728 6850 6647], in teaching military tactics for the individual soldier, does so by personal example as well as verbal instruction, thereby enlivening the training.

### Individual work

In a certain regiment of the Shenyang Units, the 5th squad of an 82mm recoilless gun company carried out basic training on individual guns, during which squad leader Zhan Xu (2069 2485) led it in an armed cross-country physical exercise. The squad members estimated ranges by taking fires on trees and utility poles and took turns giving orders and selecting training themes. They have now become all-around gunners able to both aim and give orders.



Squad leader Zhan Xu directing fire by swiftly and precisely issuing verbal commands.



14 In night-time live ammunition firing exercise, the 3th Squad hits the target every time in four firings.

#### Individual Warship

Although Guided Missile Destroyer 103 of a certain naval unit has taken part some times in combined training, the warship's leadership has, from first to last, tackled firmly and persistently the problem of basic training for the individual warship. At sea where great waves roll and form, they purposefully posed difficult problems for the navigation, gunnery, and electromechanical components of the ship. By having them repeatedly practice fundamental skills, the leadership completed the task of individual warship training in an outstanding manner.



Guided Missile Destroyer 105 carrying out individual warship training at sea.



Operating strictly by regulations.

### Individual Warplane

During its flight training, a certain air force unit is extremely rigorous about basic training in takeoffs and landings for individual planes. On the basis of the special characteristics of high speed and complex handling for the various types of planes, the unit requires that the pilots, in every movement and action, comply with the provisions of the training manual, strictly demanding that they be conscientious and meticulous.



Another single warplane flies into the sky.



Squadron leader Fan Yutian [3058 3768 3944] on a takeoff and landing masters the essential movements at one stroke and constantly improves his technique.

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